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SUBJ: POTENTIAL GREEK BENEFICIARY STATUS IN US/GSP

SUMMARY. AT GREEK REQUEST, ASSISTANT STR LANDE AND ECMIN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR METAXAS AND MEMBERS HIS STAFF JUNE 20 TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS OF GREEK BENEFICIARY STATUS IN US/GSP. OCCASION ALSO USED TO DISCUSS MTN. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR METAXAS QUERIED LANDE CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES AND STATUS U.S. CONSIDERATION GREEK INCLUSION IN US/GSP. GREEK DELEGATION HERE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF RECENT US DEMARCHE IN ATHENS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND ACCORDINGLY LANDE GAVE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION US LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND STATUS OF OUR CONSIDERATION WHETHER GREEK-EC ARRANGMENT HAS SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS ON US COMMERCE. (HE HAD EARLIER GIVEN TURKISH MISSION HERE SIMILAR BRIEFING. GENEVA 3914, MAY 27, 1975.) WHILE NOTING THAT WE HAVE NOT REACHED EVEN TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS ON THIS  
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SUBJECT, HE EXPLORED SOME POSSIBLE WAYS OF CORRECTING

PROBLEM IF WE CONCLUDE THERE IS ONE, E.G. POSSIBLE  
GREEK TARIFF CUTS ON PRODUCTS OF PARTICULAR U.S. INTEREST.  
GREEKS EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR INCLUSION IN U.S. GSP,  
BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON DETAILS  
OF MATTER. LANDE SUGGESTED USEFULNESS THEIR ANALYZING  
DETAILED TRADE POSSIBILITIES OF US/GSP FOR THEM AND  
THEY CONCURRED. THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US  
BRIEFING AND EXPRESSED VIEW IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO  
HAVE EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON TOPIC IN ATHENS WITH CONCERNED  
WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. LANDE SAID THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE  
LATTER HALF JULY.

2. CONCERNING MTN, GREEKS INDICATED THEY FOLLOWING  
NEOGITATIONS IN GENERAL WAY AT PRESENT TIME AND PLAN  
TO PLAY FULLER ROLE AFTER RULES OF THE GAME HAVE BEEN  
WORKED OUT BETWEEN EC, US AND JAPAN. THEY HAD NO  
PROBLEMS WITH ANY PSOTITIONS U.S. HAS BEEN TAKING IN MTN.  
THEY INDICATED GREECE'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST IN THE  
NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO LDC PARTICIPATION ASPECT. CON-  
CERNING EFFECT OF THEIR EC TIE ON THEIR ROLE IN MTN,  
THEY INDICATED THIS WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO BE TAKEN  
INTO ACCOUNT BUT THAT IT DID NOT LIMIT THEIR FREEDOM  
OF ACTION TO PURSUE GREEK INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS.  
THEY REPORTED THEY HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO ANY SPECIFIC  
PRESSURES TO SUPPORT PARTICULAR EC POSTIONS.  
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